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- 25X1X6. 1. The Argentine government has been well aware of the Communist connections of Isaac Libenson, who was expelled from Mexico and allowed to re-enter Argentina,* and of his pretended break with Vicente Lombardo Toledano. The Argentine Federal Police approved his return to Argentina for the specific purpose of ascertaining his Communist connections and activities. The Federal Police have been allowing Libenson to believe he has the confidence of the Argentine government and have pretended to believe Libenson's avowed desire to work for the Peronista labor movement.
2. For a time the Federal Police were considering the possibility of using Libenson in an offensive action against the projected Congress for Peace and Democracy to be held in Mexico. President Peron was to appear sympathetic with Libenson and the Congress, even going so far as to pick delegates and to send cables to Cardenas and other front individuals. At the opportune time Peron would then denounce the Congress as Communist-dominated and withdraw the support of his name and the Argentine government. The Police apparently reasoned that this action would seriously damage the Congress and would bring favorable international publicity to Peron. This plan has now apparently been cancelled.**

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** Comment. It is assumed that it was realized that such a program would backfire and embarrass the Peron government.

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